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SUBJECT:ATTENDANCE OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT
COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID (5TH SESSION)

REF: ROME 17919 (1977)

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMMERICAL CABLE FROM
WFP: "WFP/385 IN ACCORDANCE DECISION FOURTH SESSION
OF CFA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REQUESTS APPROVAL HIS INVITING
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS SOUTH
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ZIMBABWE TO ATTEND FIFTH SESSION OF CFA AS OBSERVERS AT
REQUEST OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY STOP WFP WILL
MEET ALL COST ATTENDANCE STOP AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED
BY 15 FEBRUARY.."

2. SINCE THE REQUEST INITIATED THROUGH OAU, AND IS CON-
SISTENT WITH CFA FOUR DECISIONS, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO

GROUPS BEING INVITED AS OBSERVERS. HOWEVER, ON BASIS OF SCARCITY INFORMATION PROVIDED WFP TELEX, WE QUESTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DECISION TO PAY EXPENSES.

3. REPORT OF CFA INDICATES CFA AT ITS FOURTH SESSION DECIDED "THAT THE ATTENDANCE COSTS OF A LIBERATION

MOVEMENT WHERE ATTENDANCE IS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE MAY BE MET BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS NECESSARY."

4. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ITEMS ON CFA 5 AGENDA OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT FOOD AID DISCUSSIONS MAY BE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO GROUPS. AS WE INDICATED AT THE FOURTH CFA (WITH STRONG UK SUPPORT) WE CONTINUE TO QUESTION WHETHER PROGRAM'S LIMITED CASH CAN BEST BE USED TO PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, VERSUS DIRECT SUPPORT OF PROGRAM'S PROJECT EXPENSES. UNLESS GROUPS HAVE ACTUALLY ASKED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ATTENDANCE COSTS, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT PROGRAM SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT VOLUNTEER TO PAY THESE EXPENSES. VANCE

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